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# DIDSBURY

UESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014





SHOWING OFF - About 90 members of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club performed their year-end carnival Under the Sea before a packed audience at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on March 16. For more on the event, see page seven

# Car club asking for town support in making show better

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Members of the Didsbury Car Club went before town council on March 11 asking for the town's sup port to make the annual show and shine a bigger and better event this year.

Members of the club want the town to extend the closure of 20th Street one block further south to 15th Avenue for the event, taking place on May 10.

They are also looking for sponsors in the club's efforts to hand out bags full of promotional items such as pins and pens. The club asked council for \$1,500. The group also asked that the closure of 20th Street be extended to 7 p.m.

"Without your support, we would not be able to have a show and shine," Karen Hladych, secretary of the Didsbury Car Club told councillors.

In addition to the shootout that was added last where vehicles race as fast as they can for 30 metres - the car club wants to add a motorcycle

component to the show this year with the Rural Motorcycle Ride for Dad promoting a motorcycle show and shine and a group of dirt bikes doing aerial stunts south of AG Foods.

Resident Gene Lane said at the meeting that he was in favour of extending the 20th Street closure to expand the show and shine, as he thought the influx of people to the community during the event would help downtown busines

"I think it's a great idea. I think it's great for every-one involved. I think it's for the town's benefit," he

Car club president Gil Enns said in an interview that the club wants to expand the show this year to allow for more participants and spectators to check out the event.

Last year, about 375 cars were entered in the show and shine. The car club also plans to bring back a dynamometer for people to test the horsepower in their own vehicles. Musical entertainment, including the Didsbury High School Jazz Band will also be part

"In all accounts last year was (successful)," Enns said, adding that half the proceeds of the car and motorcycle events will go to the clubs and the other half will go to an as-yet undetermined local charity of the car club's choosing while half of the motorcycle entrance fee to show off bikes will go toward prostate cancer causes

The show and shine has donated to various local groups in the past including the high school jazz band, the high school football program, high school scholarships and other local

Following the meeting, Deputy Mayor Lavar Adams said the Town of Didsbury has supported the show and shine event for many years.

We've always seen the benefit of saying yes to the (street closure) extension," he said.

Council cannot make decisions at a committee of the whole meeting. It will deliberate the car club's requests at a future regular meeting



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BOOK LAUNCH – Marjorie Malinowski signs a copy of her new book, Pennies From Heaven, during the launch of the title on March 15 at the Didsbury Municipal Library. About 25 people turned out for the launch, which follows up on her first novel, Not Your Time, published in 2010. The Didsbury author is currently working on three other books.

# Councillors talk further about their vision for next four years

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Councillors talked further about their vision of town council at the committee of the whole meeting on March 11, and how council would proceed in its communication with the public over the next four years.

Council is updating its strategic plan to take into account a new group being sworn in during the last municipal election in October 2013. Councillors have been discussing a new vision and mission statement since taking office. Council hopes to adopt the new vision and mission statement at its regular meeting on March 25.

Coun. Garth Hollinger said he favoured what councillors told a community gathering on Feb. 24 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, but he said it should be pared down substantially.

"I'm supportive of what we said to the community, but we don't need 30 pages to do it. I would like to see a concise document," he said. Coun. Sheila Shulz agreed, noting that the

statement.
"It should be short, concise, very general," she said.

vision should be a short

Roy Brown, the town's chief administrative officer, told councillors that while he thought the draft mission statement is good, council hasn't done its best on adhering to the values it is trying to articulate in the new plan.

Lavar Adams, the town's deputy mayor, said he thought the vision statement of the previous council – moving progressively into the future by enhancing our community and quality of life while respecting our history – was still the best choice.

At the conclusion of the discussion, administrators were directed to bring back a plan to adopt council's vision "to encourage community engagement through providing open communication in a caring, welcoming and responsive environment with the intent to further build a vibrant, sustainable and unified Didsbury."

Administrators were also told to keep the 10 values that were drawn up as part of the plan, including fiscal accountability, leadership and innovation, among oth-

Administrators have suggested three new mission statements to council plus the one adopted by the previous council. The three others include "to proactively continue to be a leading example of a safe, engaged, sustainable community; to exemplify the municipal benchmark of a safe, engaged and sustainable community through proactive governance and strong leader-ship; and to set the benchmark of municipal excellence through proactive governance and strong

# Didsbury councillors gain insight into landfill usage

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

According to town councillors, the Town of Didsbury could investigate several ideas that councillors learned about at a recent environmental conference held in High River.

Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (Alberta CARE) hosted the conference which took place from Feb. 26 to 28. Its purpose was to talk about various ways of recycling products, reclaiming land formerly used as landfills and extending the use of landfills by removing all the recyclable material.

"It was a very interesting conference," Deputy Mayor Lavar Adams told fellow councillors at the March 11 committee of the whole (COW) meeting. "If we have opportunities to reuse waste ... we should be investigating options."

One of the interesting points that Adams learned at the conference was that due to the flood last year, the land fill in High River accepted two years' worth of contaminated goods following the flood. He said that after the forest fire that levelled Slave Lake in May 2011, five years of the community landfill's life expectancy was taken up in the immediate aftermath of the fire from all the debris it accepted.

"Our landfills are very precious to us," he said.

Coun. Garth Hollinger, who also attended the conference, thought the town could investigate the benefits of investing in more environmentally-friendly buildings. He said the Town of High River uses solar technology in some of its buildings and is saving 586 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year.

Hollinger said the town office and Didsbury library could save a lot of money by investigating such technol-

Following the COW meeting, Adams said the conference acts as a valuable opportunity for municipal representatives and landfill operators to share

"It's an opportunity for (people) in that industry to get together, brainstorm and bring all those ideas out," he said.



Paul Frey/MVP Staff Karen Henry, the town's manager of planning, detailed an updated plan for council to consider regarding signage in the committee of thee whole meeting on March 11.

# Council given overview on community signage

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Town council was given an overview of some of the work being done into designing community signage at its committee of the whole meeting on March 11.

town's planning department has been working on a project design signage, neigbourhood signage and potentially signs at the entrances of

the community.
A petition that was

circulated in 2012 by residents objecting to the look of directional signage set the project back. At that time, residents believed that the design of signage directing visitors to the historic core of Didsbury was too contemporary.

As a result, the planning department has been working on a new plan to address signage at the behest of council in 2013.

At the meeting, Karen Henry, manager of planning and infrastructure for the town, told councillors that there are many neighbourhoods in the commu nity where the town could erect neighbourhood signage to develop more of an identity

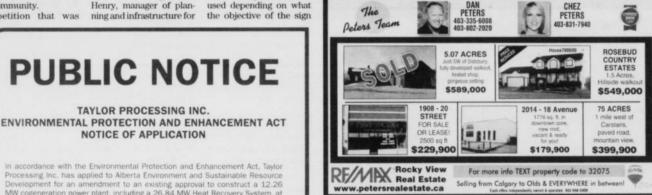
She said signs could be designed in phases for directional and street signage, starting with town signs using the current logo at the entrances to the community, subject to budget approval. Henry said several dif-

ferent designs could be used depending on what the objective of the sign is, including neighbourhood signage

"There's lots of areas (in the community) where we could con-firm our identity," she said.

Asked by Mayor Lavar by Deputy Adams whether community consultation would hap pen before any decisions were made, Henry said council would lead the community consultation





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# DHS hosting provincial basketball tournament

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Didsbury High School will host the 2A provincial girls basketball championships from March 19 to 22.

A total of 12 of the best senior girls basketball teams will compete at the tournament. As host, DHS gets an automatic berth in the championships, but the Dragons have been ranked among the top 15 schools since January and won at the south central zone tournament on the weekend. Every team is guaranteed three games at the tournament.

"We want to have a good showing. We've worked really hard. We've gone to a number of strong tournaments this year in preparation for that weekend and we'll see some of the top teams across the province from different zones," said Henry Paulgaard, the girls' coach.

Each of the eight zones around the province will be represented, with three wildcard entries also competing, plus the Dragons. The south central zone, which the Dragons compete in, stretches north to Olds, south to Black Diamond and Banff in the west to the Saskatchewan border.

Paulgaard said many volunteers put in a lot of effort to not only submit an application to host the tournament, but to organize all the different events and details surrounding the tournament. About 100 volunteers will help with various aspects of hosting the tournament.

"It takes a long time to get together a package to submit to the 
Alberta School Athletic 
Association ... and then 
it gets voted on by a 
group of athletic directors in the province. 
And from there, there's 
a number of things that 
happen, from getting volunteers from the school 
together, parents as well, 
students, teachers all 
have a collective effort 
to make this happen," he 
said.

Leanne Doan, a former William E. Hay Composite High School player from Stettler, who later starred at the University of Calgary, will be speaking to the players during a banquet on March 20.

Ian Bates, athletic director at DHS, said it will be an honour to host the tournament, especially since the girls team has been doing so well this season. Didsbury hosted the senior boys provincial basketball tournament in 2011.

"It's always a great honour to host a championship of any nature. This is going to be a strong year for (the girls basketball team) and it's just nice to be able to (showcase) their talents in front of the community," he said. "Everyone's going to benefit: the school, the girls and the community based on all the excitement it brings."

Bates and Paulgaard submitted an application to the ASAA in the spring of 2013 and found out their application had been successful in September 2013.

Bates said criteria that the ASAA consider include the venue, past



Noel West/MVP Staff

Members of the Didsbury High School Dragons girls basketball team and others cheer on the boys team at the school on March 6. Didsbury will be hosting the girls 2A provincial tournament this weekend.

hosting history (the organization wants to move championships around as much as possible) and geographic location.

Bev Rasmussen, a parent volunteer on the organizing committee, said once the committee was awarded the tournament, volunteers began planning in October 2013.

Following all the teams' arrival on March 19, the opening ceremony will take place the following day. A pancake breakfast will also take place for players, coaches, students at DHS and anyone who may be travelling with the teams on

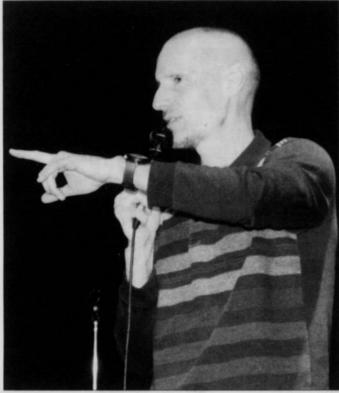
March 21 at DHS.

"We've got business people from the community that are going to

come out and help flip pancakes that morning," Rasmussen said, estimating there could be as many as 500 people attend that event. "It's going to be a lot of people but it'll be a lot of fun."



# Bethany Didsbury Community Open House Monday, March 24, 2014 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm 1201 - 15 Avenue Didsbury, AB Come see how the new care centre is progressing Everyone Welcome!



MUSEUM FUNDRAISER - Comedian Cary Unger performed a routine as part of the Yuk Yuk's comedy troupe on March 15 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The evening raised \$\$\$ for the Disdbury Hisorical Society and the Didsbury museum.

# Police briefs

# Olds man pulled over for impaired driving

A 25-year-old Olds man has a court date of May 5 to answer to a charge of impaired driving after Didsbury RCMP stopped him on Highway 2A south of Twp. Rd. 320 recently.

The man was initially pulled over for speeding at about 11 p.m. on March 12, but when RCMP made the stop they suspected he may have been drinking. When the man provided a breath sample, he was

found to have more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his bloodstream.

# Hit-and-run

Didsbury RCMP are looking for information regarding a suspected hit-and-run that occurred sometime between March 10 at 6 p.m. and March 12 at 9 a.m. at an unknown location in Didsbury. RCMP received a report that a black 2008 Cadillac SRX was struck causing damage to its rear quarter panel.





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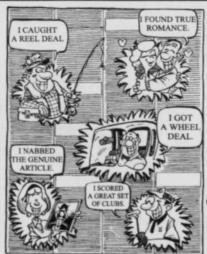
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# Editorial

# Seatbelt non-compliance should be demerit offence

Seatbelt use by Alberta drivers and passengers has increased markedly over the past decade resulting in safer and better-protected motorists while at the same time reducing the overall cost to the community at large.



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Last week the province announced that more than 95 per cent of Alberta drivers and passengers now wear seatbelts, up from 69 per cent in 1999. As well, since 2007 unbelted fatalities have been reduced by almost 25 per cent.

"There is no doubt that seatbelts save lives, so we're encouraging that last five per cent to join us all in making our roads safer for everyone," said Wayne Drysdale, Alberta Minister of Transportation.

No question, this increase in seatbelt use is

good news for Alberta.
Yet there are still far too many drivers and passengers, and young people in particular, who ignore the obvious and proven safety benefits of wearing seatbelts.

"Studies show that a significant number of young men between 18 and 24, in the prime of their lives, are still not buckling up," said

RCMP superintendent Howard Eaton, the officer in charge of traffic services in Alberta added: "About 45 per cent of the fatal collisions we go to involve an unbelted occupant. Too often it's a single vehicle rollover on a rural road with an unbelted young male driver. We need to get this last five per cent to buckle up so that everyone gets home safely."

From 2007 to 2012, there were 532 unbelted fatalities in Alberta.

As part of ongoing efforts to reduce unbelted fatalities, police officers across the province will be focusing on seatbelt enforcement throughout the month of March, targeting drivers and pas-

sengers at checkstops and at random.

Yet if similar past enforcement initiatives are any indication, there will probably be many drivers and passengers caught not using seatbelts while driving and riding in vehicles in Mountain View and Red Deer counties.

The cost of non-compliance with seatbelt use includes not only the grim and tragic injuries suffered by drivers and passengers involved in motor vehicle crashes, but also larger community-wide costs to the health-care and insurance systems.

The recent increase in Alberta seatbelt use is encouraging. Perhaps it's time for the province to encourage seatbelt use even further by making non-compliance a demerit offence?

As things stand today, motorists caught not using seatbelts face fines. If making non-com-pliance a demerit offence would help reduce the number of Albertans killed or injured in motor vehicle crashes then it is a change that should be considered.



# Letters to the editor

# Canadians urged to help fight TB in developing world

Canadians are still celebrating from the incredible pledge our government made to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria this past December.

It was an amazing 20 per cent increase over the previous com-mitment. I applaud the opportuni-ty to celebrate something positive from our country's leadership.

Every year nine million people are infected with tuberculosis and one third of them will never be diagnosed. In 2009 Canada oledged monies to the World Health Organization's Stop TB Partnership and started an initia-

tive to focus on the three million people that the world has not been able to reach. Called TB Reach, Canada is the major donor for this initiative

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I am looking to Canada to

continue to support TB Reach until every case of TB across the world has been identified, treated and cured! Let's harness this positive momentum started by th federal government in December and ask for further investment in tackling TB through TB Reach. Contact your local MP or Christian Paradis, international development minister and ask for continued investment in this good news story as we approach World TB Day

Reach the three miliion. Find. Treat. Cure TB.

Mary Ellen Speers, RN Carstairs

# Councillors commended for doing 'good work'

Thanks so much to Joyce McCoy for her article in the paper explaining the Shantz development site and the details of the finances. It is great to hear from our elected officials and to be kept "in the loop." I commend her and all our town officials for all the hard work they put in daily to what

is often a thankless job. It is a very difficult thing to please all of the people all of the time and we should be appreciative of the people willing to take on these responsibilities.

As per the article, I do have one small request to clarify even further my understanding of the finances. Was the initial purchase of the land included in those figures? I am not very versed in accounting and business things so sometimes I need a little more explanation on things. Thanks for your attention to this matter and keep up the good work!

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# Skaters show off skills at year-end carnival

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

About 90 skaters from the Didsbury Figure Skating Club showed off their skills on March 16 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex during the club's yearend carnival.

The skaters, who range in age from three to 18, performed various routines that were specifically choreographed for the year-end performance *Under the Sea*.

The youngest skaters practised their routines for about three hours over a six-week period leading up to the carnival while older skaters practised about three to six hours on their routines. All the music was from *The Little Mermaid*.

"We were really pleased with the crowd we had. I think it was a great show," said club president Rose Schroeder.

The club's coaches organized the group performances, but skaters who performed solos, duets and trios had a lot more freedom to develop their routines.

"The coaches facilitated and gave them suggestions and the skaters really had a lot of (input) into developing the routines for themselves," Schroeder said.

The carnival provides the skaters with the chance to exhibit all the hard work they have been doing over the last part of the season. Skaters are especially excited to perform in front of family and friends, she said.

"The skaters absolutely love to show off their skills and that they've been working hard. Because we have such a big club, most of the people that come out to see the skaters are family and friends. We do have some people just coming from the community to see the show (as well). It's often a highlight for the skaters," she said.

Along with their carnival routines, skaters are also practising throughout the year for their Skate Canada tests.

The next big event for the skaters is an event hosted at the Olds Sports Complex from March 28 to 30 that will feature skaters from around the province. About 15 to 20 skaters from the DFSC will attend that event.





Kevin Vink/MVP Staff
About 90 skaters from the
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performed in front of family
and friends at the year-end
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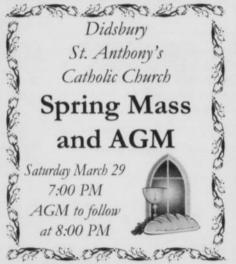
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# Deadline to open local home for Michener residents extended

BY PAUL EVEREST MVP Staff

Olds' Accredited Supports to the Community association (ASC) is aiming to have a home on 42 Street ready for at least six people coming out of the closing Red Deer's Michener Centre by September.

Last year, the province gave ASC, a nonprofit society that helps people with disabilities, a grant of \$660,000 to create spaces in Olds to accommodate six of the 125 people who have to move out of Michener.

The original deadline for the closure of the centre announced in 2013 was the end of this month and the spaces in Olds would have had to have been ready for March 31.

But the province decided to allow more time for the families and service providers of people moving out of Michener, which has housed people with developmental disabilities for more than 90 years, to find new homes for those leaving the facility.

The relaxation of the closure deadline has given ASC up to March 31, 2015, to prepare the home it purchased on 42 Street for occupation.

Linda Maxwell, ASC's executive director, said the sale of the home was finalized on March 12 for \$512,000 and the association needs the extra time to ready the home.

"That's primarily because purchasing a house, renovating it and also preparing people to move is a very timeconsuming process," she said.

Refore the one-storey home is ready for people to move in, Maxwell said ASC has to create new bedrooms and widen a hallway to make it more accessible for people in wheelchairs.

She added ASC is working with a number of people, including occupational therapists and specialists who can determine what modifications are most appropriate for people with disabilities, while preparing renovation plans for the home.

"We are in the process of asking the people who set standards to come in, review some of that and take a look."

No one has been contracted yet to start renovations and when renovations begin depends on the availability of contractors, many of whom are still busy working on repair projects related to last June's floods.

Maxwell said the plan is to use the provincial grant it received last year to cover the cost of the home as well as the

renovations.
But ASC will have to cover "incidentals" such as furnishings, a van to transport people living at the home, equipment and items such as pots and pans and sheets using money from local fundraising efforts.

The home will be staffed 24 hours a day with up to 15 full-and part-time staff who are paid from provincial Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) funding. Once completed, the 42 Street facility will be ASC's second home for people with disabilities in Olds.

The Town of Olds' municipal planning commission approved ASC's application to develop the home at the commission's Dec. 19 meeting.

ASC has started the process of sitting down with families who have members living at Michener to discuss the possibility of moving those members to the new Olds home, Maxwell said.

While the organization is only focusing on families with members living at Michener, she said if none of those families decide to move a family member to the Olds home, the six spaces here are available for local people with special needs.

Maxwell said at this point, however, no one else has approached ASC about the spaces.

"The request hasn't come up from other families, probably because not everyone's aware we're around with it," she said.

The government, Maxwell added, is not trying to rush the process of moving people out of the Michener Centre.

"I think they're really trying hard to make it as peaceful for people and as positive as they can and also give families an opportunity to learn what's out there."

Cheryl Chichak, a spokeswoman for Alberta Human Services, said the new associate minister of services for persons with disabilities, Naresh Bhardwaj, decided last year that no one will move out of Michener until the right space is available for them and a transition plan is in place for that person and their family.

"And we're still abiding by that," she said.

A transition team out of PDD Central Region is helping to plan all the moves and its members have held discussions with the families of people living in Michener on topics such as where they would like their family member moved, what needs that member has and who that member may want to live with, Chichak added.

"For example, we've had someone move to Edmonton because their family lives in Edmonton and they thought it would be nice to be closer."

So far, 10 people have

already moved out of Michener and the province is anticipating the other 115 people will move before the end of the year, provided the right spaces and transition plans are in place, she said.

Altogether, Chichak said 100 transitions plans have been completed as of March 14.

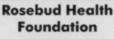
Efforts to move people out of Michener continue even as a judicial review into the province's plans to close the centre works its way through the courts, she added.

People who have moved are doing well and their families are pleased with their placements, Chichak said, although there is still resistance to the need to move people out of Michener

Michener.

"We still have some families who are not ready to work with us and we respect that."

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# DHS girls win zones

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School senior girls basketball team is the south central zone champion after sweep ing the competition on March 14 and 15 at Siksika.

The girls started off the tourna ment dispatching the host school 76-37. They then beat Oilfields High School 73-44 and Bieseker Community School 80-37 in the zone final. The Dragons tuned up for the zones by beating Olds High School in the Chinook's Edge South Athletic Association final 67-52 on March 10 and Innisfail High School for the overall Chinook's Edge crown on March 11 by a 74-46 score.

"We had a very strong weekend (at zones). We played very strong offensively and defensively as a team," said coach Henry Paulgaard. "We were ranked number 1 going into that tournament based on results throughout the year and we maintained that all throughout the year.

Paulgaard said the team got pro-gressively stronger throughout the zone championships, which puts the Dragons in a good position going into this weekend's provincial tournament. The team relies heavily on a five-player system; everyone has a role to play in the team's success

We have a much better feeling going

into provincials knowing that we got a little stronger all the way through that tournament. We're confident in our abilities as a team," he said.

Meanwhile, the boys weren't quite as successful at their zone tournament in Drumheller, losing all three games they played. The Dragons lost their opening game, then lost to Strathcona Tweedsmuir School and to Three Hills School.

"The first game was a very good team, very well coached and we didn't fare so well in that game. We played (Strathcona Tweedsmuir) pretty close in the first half. I thought we should have been up, missed quite a few shots in the first quarter," said coach Bruce Colwell.

Against Three Hills, the Dragons gave it a good effort, but came up

"We battled hard with them

throughout the game," he said. Colwell said he saw s improvement in the team through out the season after getting off to a rocky start with only seven players.

"Because there was no (junior varsity) team last year, a lot of our rookies coming in hadn't played basketball in a couple of years. Through the season I saw tremendous growth with the team and I felt they finished the season very strong. Through every game they worked very hard and never gave up," he said.



Didsbury Dragons player Kyra Paulgaard drives around an Olds High School Spartans player during their game at Olds High School on March 10.

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"Golden Rule" and was a dedicated husband, father and grandpa. Farming was his passion He will be dearly missed by his wife, Mary; daughters, Brenda and Beverly; and by his granddaughters, Libby, Isabel and Emma. Ron is also survived by his sisters, Barb, June; and brother, Ken and his wife, Grace; many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and a multitude of friends. A Celebration of Ron's Life was held on Monday, March 17, 2014 in Didsbury. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca



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nurture as a young person at the Bergthal Mennonite Church. It was here where she was baptized and fellowshipped with her church friends and family. As a grown up, Marie worked in different homes helping with harvesting, cooking and looking after young children. Marie worked in Calgary at the Carolina restaurant as a cook for a number of years. In 1952 she married Pat Spraggs who was a father of three beautiful daughters Pat and Marie farmed east of Didsbury Burnside district. They retired from farming and moved to Calgary where Pat took a position as a builder with Engineered Homes, his one and only position until he retired. After moving to Calgary, Marie worked at Safeway for a while. Later, Pat and Marie opened their home to care for emergency foster children. During those years, Marie was mother to 29 foster children. Barbara is one of those children. Sometime after Pat's death, Marie experienced some health issues and moved to

the Chinook Winds Lodge in Carstairs. In December of 2013, Marie suffered a heart attack and had been hospitalized. Marie peacefully and quietly breathed her last earthly breath there on March 6, 2014. Marie was predeceased by her husband, Pat Spraggs; her parents, Abram and Sarah Derksen; her sisters Eva Derksen, Olga Neufeld, Hilda Derksen and Gertie Penner; her brothers, Andrew Derksen and baby, Julius Derksen. Marie is lovingly remembered by her step-daughters, Shirley (Don) Thompson & family, Mary Spraggs & family and Patsy (Ron) Martin & family; Aaron (Lydia) Derksen & family Sarah (Harvey Neufeld) & family, Erickson & family and David (Sarah) Derksen & family. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca.



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### RATTRAY

Gordon "Grant" Rattray born June 2, 1925, passed away March 7, 2014. Grant lived his entire life on the family homestead, 1 mile east of Cremona until failing health forced his move to the Didsbury Long Term Care where he resided until his passing

He attended school in Old Cremona and Atkins Schools. He completed high school at Crescent Heights, graduating in 1944. He then attended what is now SAIT for an agriculture mechanics course. Grant loved his farm and spent many days walking the fields and the pasture. He enjoyed the countryside and the foothills and would often travel the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies and take pictures. Grant is survived by his cousin James Rattray of Campbell River, B.C. and cousin Anna Young of Ontario. Grant was predeceased by Graveside services were held on Saturday March 15, 2014 at the Cremona Cemetery with Reverend Marie Wetterburn officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the charity of choice.

Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



# DYKSTRA, Albert

Albert Dykstra, September 17, 1953, passed away Saturday morning, March 8, 2014, with his loving wife Myra by his side. His last hours were spent with his wife; his three children, Julie and her husband Brent

Wasson, Amy and her husband Rick Kohut, and Nicholas and his wife Rachel Belliveau;as well as his two grandchildren, Evan and Sophia Kohut. He will also be remembered by his three brothers, John, Rick, and Fred. Albert was the son of the late Doeke and Leentje Dykstra. Having grown up on a dairy farm in the Fraser Valley, BC, Albert learned to pull his weight at a young age. By the age of 14, he was working full time at a neighbouring dairy farm. He met the love of his life, his wife, not long after. After having their three children, the young family moved to the Didsbury, AB area, in 1981 with the goal of building their own dairy farm. After many successful years of farming, the family moved to Didsbury in 1996 where Albert worked for West Country Dairy Supplies just outside of Olds. Albert loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, taking drives with his wife in the country, maintaining his beautiful home and backyard, and taking holidays with his close friends and children. Albert was a kind, soft spoken, and modest man with a quick and disarming wit. Most importantly, Albert was an open-hearted man of faith with an unwavering ethic. The family would like to thank the staff at the Southwood Hospice in Calgary for their compassionate care. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the Bergthal Mennonite Church. For those who wish, donations in Albert's Memory may be made to The Mustard Seed Ministry, 102 – 11 Avenue SE, Calgary, AB, T2G 0X5. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca.



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JACKSON with great sadness family of Claire Jackson announces her passing at the Didsbury Hospital. Loving mother and mother-in-law of Dorothy (Charles) Hitschfield, Gwendlyn Hitschfield,

Fox, Beverley Jackson and Aubrey Spring; devoted grandmother to Elizabeth, Marjorie (Trevor), Matthew (Crystal) Geoffrey (Charlene), Callie (Ken), Aaron, Joshua; great-grandmother to Cacye-Jo, Garrison, Colby, Tray-Lyn, Caitlin, Jessa, Ashton, Carter and Quinn. Funeral services were held on Saturday March 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Linden Cultural Centre. Interment followed in the Acme Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Mount View Foundation c/o Aspen Ridge Lodge, Box 2290, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



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